

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXAMINING GROUP 3629

PATENT

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Applicant:

Guheen et al.

Examiner:

Thomas A. Dixon

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Title:

BUILDING, MANAGING, AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS

COMPONENTS OF A SYSTEM (AS AMENDED)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request an advisory Supplemental Office Action to clarify the bases for rejections. Applicants believe that a supplemental Office Action is needed in this instance for the reasons stated below. Alternatively, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in favor of a notice of Allowance. Applicants also presently amend claim 19 to address an issue raised by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Amended claim 19 is shown on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.